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# Genealogical Queries

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## **Larsson, Larson**

Looking for information on this person: Her name was Anna Martina Larson. She was born August 21, 1880, in Småland. The parish is unknown. She moved to Moline, Illinois, in 1903. She married Charles A. Larson September, 1906 in Rock Island, Illinois.

They had one child named Evelyn, who married Alphonse Floming.

Anna Martina died November 4, 1959. The funeral was conducted by Rev. J. Eric Holmer of Salem Lutheran Church, Moline.

I would appreciate if you could find some more information about Anna Martina Larson – where she lived in Sweden - info on her family including siblings who might have stayed in Sweden and their descendants, vessel used to cross Atlantic, etc.

All information on this woman most welcome!

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**Answer:** After checking the Larsons in the 1910, 1920, 1930, and 1940 U.S. Federal censuses, I noticed that Martina seemed to be born a little later than 1880, her age was usually given as being about three years younger. The next step was to look into the database *Emibas*, for someone named Anna Martina, born in 1882 or 1883 on Aug. 21 in Småland. [An observation is that the year can be a bit off, but the date usually correct]. So finally Anna Martina Johansdotter, born 1882 Aug. 21 in Fröderyd, (Smål.) and immigrating in March 1903 was found. She was born to Johan Petter Johannesson and his wife Sofia Kristina Jonasdotter of Angseboda in Fröderyd.

When checking the Ellis Island database it was found that Anna Martina arrived in New York on 1903 April 13, after having left Liverpool by *S/S Invernio* on 1903 April 4. She had a ticket for Cambridge, Ill., and was going to her brother Carl J. Johanson there. According to the church records of Fröderyd this Anna Martina did have a brother, Carl August Julius Johansson, b. 1879 Apr. 10, who left Sweden for America in 1897 May 7 with a ticket for Chicago.

This looks quite reasonable, but to be certain it is the right Anna Martina more research is needed.

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## **Nilsson, Höij, Hallen**

In 1869 June 29 the sharecropper (*torpare*) Olof Nilsson Höij, (b. 1824 Dec. 11 in Varnum (Värml.)), and his family, wife Lovisa Svensdotter, (b. 1829 June 4 in Kristinehamn), children (all born in Kristinehamn) s. Olof Gustaf, (b. 1859 Jul. 5), d. Augusta, (b. 1862 Jan. 14), d. Christina, (b. 1866 Feb. 8), s. Carl Johan, (b. 1869 Jan. 5) left their home in Kristinehamn (Värml.) and travelled to Göteborg, from where they left on the steamer *Hero* for Hull in England.

A few days later they sailed for America on the *S/S City of London* and arrived in New York on July 20. Supposedly they continued to Moline, Rock Island County, Ill., where Olof is said to have bought some land, and then died within a few months, possibly in some accident, while working on the railroad. Son Carl Johan is also said to have died shortly after arrival.

In the 1870 Federal Census for Illinois the widow Louisa Swanson is listed in Moline with children Gustav, Augusta, and Christina. Later Lovisa is said to have remarried and then died in childbirth. She might be the Louisa Swanson who in 1874 Dec. 8 married John Hallen in Rock Island County, according to Illinois Marriages on Family Search.

In 1876 Erik A. Peterson and Olof Hjelm petitioned the District court to be appointed guardians for Olof Nilsson's daughters Augusta and Christine. Son Gustav had probably died by then. In the 1880 Federal Census these girls are living with the E. A. Peterson family in Golden, Col. Augusta was a member of the Augustana Lutheran Church in Golden, but in 1881 moved to Denver, where she in the 1885 State Census is listed as a "servant" in the household of Charles Morey in Denver. Augusta was a member of the Augustana Lutheran Church in Denver, but was stricken out in 1889 March 18, which is the last information on her. Nothing is known about the sister Christina after 1880.

Any information about this family would be very welcome!

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